

SUBURBANITES ACT TO CONSERVE FOOD

Rhode Island Avenue Citizens Oppose Increase in Gas Rates.

With the appointment last night by the Rhode Island Avenue Suburban Citizens' Association of a committee to represent it on the Citizens' Food Council, practically every citizen's association in the District greeted Thanksgiving today with a determination to making the coming year memorable for food-conservation achievements.

During the last two weeks the Citizens' Food Council has been organizing the various associations for the plan for co-operative action to improve the local food situation, without exception, has been indorsed. The council will meet Tuesday evening, December 3, at the District building, when co-operative buying through the medium of the Post office Department motor truck service will be discussed.

Committee Is Named.

The Rhode Island Avenue Association, which met last night in Sherwood Church, 224 and Rhode Island avenues, named William C. Delaney, Kenneth T. Armstrong and W. R. Love as the members of its food committee. Food and the proposed gas rate increase were the subjects that engaged practically the entire attention of the meeting. The public utilities committee brought in a report that if the Public Utilities Commission should find an increase in the gas rate justified by conditions it should allow the increase only with the understanding that the existing rate is to be restored when conditions become normal. This report did not suit the members, who are convinced that the quality of gas now furnished by the gas company is not in a second report calling upon the utilities commission not to grant the rate increase application. This report was adopted.

Complain of Refuse Service.

Complaint was made by several members about the refuse and collection service in that part of the district. Secretary Delaney was instructed to take the matter up with the authorities at the District building. General satisfaction was expressed over the installation of a cross-over switch, at 224 street and Rhode Island avenue, which has made possible the operation of more cars between that point and the city during the rush hours. The members were urged to buy savings stamps in order that the District's quota may be reached by January 1.

WILL OPEN CLUBHOUSE FOR THE ENLISTED MEN

Salvation Army Ready to Invest \$150,000 in Plan if Suitable Buildings Can Be Secured.

If the Salvation Army can obtain suitable buildings, it is ready to invest approximately \$150,000 in a clubhouse in this city for enlisted men, Staff Captain Post, of the property department of the organization, announced this morning.

"But the clubhouse will not always be used exclusively for enlisted men," said the Salvation Army officer. "After demobilization is effected, it will be open to government clerks or any other employees of Uncle Sam. But until the soldiers are returned to their respective homes, it will, of course, be given the preference." Staff Captain Post said the Salvation Army would build, but for the fact that the clubhouse is immediately needed and demobilization may be completed before a new establishment could be erected.

ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

Mark H. Sercomb, Arrested for Detroit Authorities, Denies Charge.

Mark H. Sercomb, who resides with his wife and two children at Potomac, Alexandria county, Va., is under arrest for the authorities of Detroit, Mich., where he is under indictment for the alleged embezzlement of \$1,500. He denies the charge and claims he is a victim of a "frame-up," telling Detective Cornwell, who arrested him, that the charge was brought in connection with the purchase of an automobile. He said he gave notes for the amount owed on the car.

Sercomb told the detective he was president of a bank in Mexico several years ago; that he is an author and research expert and that he came to this city expecting he would obtain a government place paying \$25,000. No appropriation was made for the position, however, and he was discharged from the shipyard. He expressed willingness to return to Detroit and answer the charge.

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DESERTED ARMY, IS CHARGE.

Two Colored Men Arrested, One of Whom Had Planned to Wed. Detective Beckley and Precinct Detective Jackson, doing "clean-up" work in South Washington, have arrested two colored men as alleged deserters, it being stated that they deserted several weeks ago.

Robert Banks, who was arrested in a house in Dixon court, had discarded his uniform and was wearing civilian clothes. He said he had arranged to get married, but his arrest meant a postponement of the event. It is alleged that he deserted from Camp Alexander, Newport News, Va.

Benjamin Gaskins, giving his address as 27 Jackson street northeast, is alleged to have deserted from Camp Humphreys. He is said to have told the detectives that he left camp because he could not stand the treatment, and added that he wants a taste of home cooking. Both were turned over to the military authorities.

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MRS. EMMA R. POTTER DEAD.

Body of Pension Office Employee to Be Taken to Indiana.

Mrs. Emma R. Potter, for some years employed as a clerk in the office of the commissioner of pensions, died at a local hospital yesterday. The body will be taken to the family home, Richmond, Ind., by her sister, Mrs. N. L. Little.

KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES—Not Exactly a Hoover Dinner.



The Dump.

And now we may behold, my friends, where conscienceless ambition ends. Five years ago the kaiser sat, with eagles on his golden hat, the ruler of a mighty state, in industry and commerce great. The kaiser might have said, "Gee whiz! How prosperous my country is! The credit I'll receive, no doubt, when death has put me down and out. In future ages men will cry, 'How sad that Kaiser Bill should die! Our country's never been the same since he cashed in and quit the game; no other kaiser's had his pep, and we go backward step by step.' They'll bless my name till time is done, and chaos shall engulf the sun." But Kaiser Wilhelm sat alone, upon his large upholstered throne, and said, "It's not enough for me, this graft of ruling Germany. It is too small and cheap a stunt for one with my majestic front. The whole blamed world must knuckle down and tremble at my war lord frown. My ships must boss the seven seas, my banners float in every breeze." And now we see the kaiser's end; there's none so poor to call him friend. And men will gather round his grave, and say, "He was both fool and knave. With world-dominion dreams he fooled, and wrecked the mighty land he ruled." WALT MASON.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Dr. William W. Peet will speak on the subject of recent developments in the near east at First Congregational Church tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. Dr. Peet lived for many years in Constantinople as the agent and financial manager of the Turkish missions of the American board. Dr. Peet has been in the United States for a year as special representative of the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief. The public is invited.

The Indiana Society, of which George F. Schutt is president, will hold its first meeting of the season in the crystal room of the New Ebbitt Wednesday evening, December 11.

A smoker was given by the junior class in law of the George Washington University Law School last night at the Lafayette Hotel. Robert L. Awar, president of the class, presided. Addresses were made by Henry G. Boutell, Justice Ashley M. Gould, Capt. Hugh Fegan, formerly secretary of the university; D. W. Baker and Arthur A. Alexander.

A social for the men at Walter Reed Hospital and the government war workers will be given tomorrow night by the Epworth League of the Emory M. E. Church, 6100 Georgia avenue.

The semi-monthly dance of Washington Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, will be held tomorrow evening in the old Masonic Temple. War workers are invited.

Students at George Washington University are deprived of their usual week end Thanksgiving holiday this year on account of time lost during the influenza epidemic.

Ohio Girls' Club will hold a dance on the sixth floor of the Belasco Theater building Saturday night. All Ohioans are invited.

Creation of a new governmental department, whose function shall be to look after all problems of reconstruction and unemployment, was advocated by E. P. Roosevelt of Portland, Oreg., in an address before members of the national party at the Public Library last evening.

The regular weekly luncheon of the Washington chapter of the Sigma Nu Fraternity are being held at Cushman's, 607 14th street.

J. Clinton Tribby of 3115 M street has been appointed captain of the Home Defense League of the seventh precinct.

"Psychological Tests for Men in the Army" will be given by Maj. T. J. Smith at a meeting of the High School Teachers' Association at 8:30 o'clock tomorrow evening at the Arts Club, 2017 I street. Mrs. Marguerite Spalding, vice president of the board of education, will speak.

A meeting of the Biological Society of Washington will be held at the Carnegie Institute, 16th and P streets, at 8 o'clock Saturday night.

Almas Temple Patrol will give the first of its series of monthly dances at the New Ebbitt Temple, 671 7th street northwest, tomorrow evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. Admission will be only by card, which can be obtained from members of the patrol or Noble F. Lawrence Walker, at the patrol headquarters and New Masonic Temple.

The next meeting of Kit Carson Post, No. 2, Department of the Potomac, G. A. R. will be held at 1412 Pennsylvania avenue Thursday evening, December 12.

John J. Devlin, superintendent of work at the bureau of engraving and printing, was elected president of the senior class of the Washington College of Law at a recent meeting. Other officers elected at the meeting are: Vice president, Edith Mary Stewart of Colorado; secretary, Earl T. Ragan of Iowa; treasurer, Herbert W. Archer of New York; and historian, Miss Preston Womack of Virginia.

The Rumanian government has issued a decree dissolving parliament and convening a constituent assembly elected by universal suffrage, according to a dispatch from Jassy.

THANKSGIVING SLUMP IN MARRIAGE LICENSES

Ninety-Five Issued This Week, Against 139 in Similar Period Last Year.

Dan Cupid is not sharing the general jollification of Thanksgiving day. The little god is downhearted because of the decline in the pre-holiday applications for marriage licenses this year. During the three days of this week only 95 licenses were issued, as compared with 139 in the corresponding period of last year.

A strong bid was made yesterday by the final rush of applicants for Thanksgiving weddings, and at 4 o'clock Col. W. A. Kroll, the license clerk, had issued 51 licenses. On the eve of the holiday last year 58 licenses were obtained. Monday saw only 20 licenses issued and Tuesday only 23, as compared with 51 in the similar days of 1917.

MISS ADDAMS HERE.

Miss Jane Addams of Hull House, Chicago, is in Washington as the guest of Mrs. William Kent, wife of former Representative Kent of California. She is expected to leave for Philadelphia tomorrow.

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HOUSEWIVES SWINDLED BY HUCKSTERS, CHARGED

Chevy Chase and Northwest Washington Get Short Measure, Supt. Roberts Says.

George M. Roberts, superintendent of weights, measures and markets, today charged that hucksters operating in Chevy Chase and the northwest section of the city are swindling housewives by charging high prices for short measures and are masquerading as Maryland farmers.

Mr. Roberts warned housewives not to buy potatoes, apples and other farm products from the "farmers" without seeing to it that the products bought are measured with a standard measure which bears the stamp of the District weights and measures department. The use of the so-called "bushel basket" should never be permitted.

The hucksters, Mr. Roberts says, evade the weights and measures law by selling by the bag or sack, representing that it is "about" so many pecks or bushels. The sacks usually contain half or two-thirds of the amount paid for it is charged.

Mr. Roberts states that under existing law he is powerless to stop such swindles unless purchasers use more care in their transactions.

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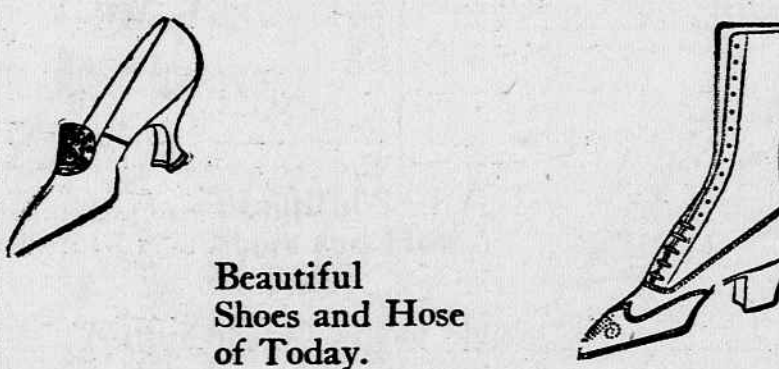
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